

**LOUISIANA SERVE COMMISSION**  
**PROVISIONAL MINUTES**  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2012  
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
LOUISIANA STATE MUSEUM  
660 NORTH FOURTH STREET  
BATON ROUGE, LA 70802

**Commissioners Attending:**

**Voting Members**

Julie Cherry  
David Conner  
Shannon Dietz  
Vincent Ilustre (arrived at 10:05 am)  
Jenny Korner  
Mike Manning  
Teresa Micheels  
Camm Morton  
William Stoudt  
Fabian Tucker (arrived at 1 pm)

**Ex-officio members**

Pam Olson

**Commissioners Absent:**

Erin Bendily

Monica Bradsher

Sharon Weston Broome

Leroy Davis

Teresa Micheels

**Staff:**

Janet Pace

Nicholas Auck

Jawonna Mason

Stephanie Trahan

Jason Miller, research intern

Tom Pfeifer, VISTA member

Jason Schaefer, VISTA member

**Visitor:**

Vickie Schenk, CNCS

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Past Chair Camm Morton called the meeting to order at 10 am. Quorum was not achieved until 10:05 am Monica Bradsher called roll. The minutes were presented by Monica and approved unanimously on a motion by Julie Cherry and a second by David Conner.

**CHAIR'S REPORT:**

Camm Morton presented the Chair's Report reviewing the draft of the 2012 Annual Report and asking Commissioners to give any input to staff. He told Commissioners that later in the meeting, he would entertain a motion to enter into Executive Session. He said there is an issue concerning a former subgrantee and the results of an IG audit. He explained the procedure for going into Executive Session according to Louisiana R.S. 42:16-17. He also asked Commissioners to complete the Committee Interest Form, as well as an MLK sign up sheet if they wanted to speak at or participate in a project.

**AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS:**

Mike Manning, chair of the Governance Committee, brought forth proposed changes to the Bylaws, eliminating the Marketing/PR Committee and moving those functions under the Executive Committee. Other changes addressed references to this committee in other sections of the Bylaws. The changes were unanimously approved on a motion by Julie Cherry and second by Jenny Korner.

**STATE SERVICE PLAN:**

Executive Director Janet Pace presented a Draft of the 2013-2015 State Service Plan. This plan was produced after hosting a Listening Tour in 10 communities. She thanked Commissioners for their assistance in securing locations in their communities. She noted that once Commissioners approved the plan, it would be sent to the Lt. Governor for final approval. The plan was unanimously approved on a motion by David Conner and a second by Jenny Korner. (The Lt. Governor approved the State Service Plan and it has been placed for public access on the VolunteerLouisiana.gov website.)

**CONSIDERATION of FY13 AMERICORPS APPLICATIONS**

David Conner, chair of the AmeriCorps Program Committee, brought forth a recommendation from the Committee to send up four applications to be considered for State Competitive consideration at the national level. These are the strongest of the eight new applications submitted this year. Those not moving up to State Competitive consideration will be moved to the State Formula process. The four applications to be considered are: Catholic Charities of Greater New Orleans, ReNEW Schools (New Orleans), Communities in Schools (New Orleans) and University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Applicants remaining in the Formula process are Boys and Girls Club of North Central Louisiana, Hope Center (New Orleans), Limitless Vistas (New Orleans) and Fuller Center of Northwest Louisiana.

City Year Louisiana, Teach for America and Project Homecoming are also being proposed to send up as Continuation projects.

The AmeriCorps Committee motion was unanimously approved with a second by Jenny Korner.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Camm Morton presented the 2013 Slate of Officers brought forth from the Governance and Development Committee. They are:

Chair: Julie Cherry

Vice Chair: Mike Manning

Secretary: Monica Bradsher

Treasurer: Leroy Davis

Camm entertained motions from the floor for other nominations. There were none. The single slate was approved unanimously on a motion from William Stoudt and a second by David Conner.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Vice Chair Julie Cherry presented the Treasurer's Report in Treasurer Leroy Davis' absence. She noted that expenditures were on track in all budgets. Commissioners again asked about Teach for America's lack of reporting on match and Jawonna Mason, fiscal officer, will reach out to them. (It was later discovered that staff had neglected to update the match section and TFA was on track with its match.)

Mike Manning made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Monica Bradsher seconded the motion to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion passed unanimously.

At this point, Camm Morton excused himself from the meeting for an urgent matter and quorum was lost. Before he left, newly elected Chair Julie Cherry presented Camm with the Louisiana Volunteer Service Award, noting this was his last meeting as a Commissioner and thanking him for his valued service to the Commission.

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Janet updated Commissioners on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary task force activities and that she had met with the Lt. Governor, who had agreed to host and emcee the gala planned for October 24. She asked Commissioners to review the two logos presented. She is working on identifying past Commissioners and compiling statistics of national service impact on the state.

She noted this was Jason Miller's last meeting, as he had accepted a job with DCRT at the Capitol Park Museum. She asked him to update Commissioners on the Community Service Diploma Endorsement. Jason called Commissioners attention the draft report prepared by BESE with the information and research conducted by Volunteer Louisiana. He reported that the Community Service Diploma Endorsement was approved by BESE at its December meeting. Volunteer Louisiana will work with BESE and school districts to ensure students are aware of this new opportunity for extra achievement.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Because quorum was lost, Commissioners could not vote to go into Executive Session.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Reports were given by the various committees.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Janet noted key dates for Commissioners including MLK Day and the next Commission meeting in January 2013.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Jenny Korner and seconded by Shannon Dietz that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed. The meeting ended at 12:52 pm.